
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

November 2010

Contributions in October have come from Geoff Mizon, with the Committee Meeting Minutes, and advance notice of an increase in MSCC subscriptions; from Roy and Barbara, and Bryan after the Scenic run on 17 October; from David and Una Haynes about the Dinner Dance weekend in Shropshire, and from Bryan Rawlinson about the Christmas party. If you had contributed as well, then the Newsletter would have been longer and might have been even more interesting. I am happy to edit what you send so that even if it arrives with mistakes, it will be distributed without them, so please send your contributions during November to adrian.grant@taspartnership.co.uk

Most of you are of an age to remember the Guinness advert that went "I don't like it because I've never tried it", and if that also applies to the Christmas Party, you need to order a Guinness, let it settle, and telephone Bryan to book in on 01995 604716. The details of the Party are below.

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Gymkhana – 18 September

Unfortunately, the sun did not shine upon this event, and it rained, not only on the Saturday to make the ground difficult, but also on the Sunday of the event, causing a complete washout – we were unable even to get on the field. Praise to those who turned up – John and Irene, David and Una, Bryan and Ann, and AN Other, who we all know really, but cannot just put a name to – you know who you are, so I expect an article for the next Newsletter from you. Despite the weather, a great time was had by all. The hardware for the Gymkhana did not escape John's Morgan, and everyone repaired to the pub for a lengthy lunch out of the rain.

Bryan Rawlinson

Wirral Scenic Run – 17 October 2010 – PART 1

After an enjoyable week on holiday in the Isle of Wight, it was time to find out how many members had contacted Roy whilst we were away to say they were going to join us on our scenic run on the following Sunday. Much to our dismay, we found that more people had left messages stating that they would not be attending than those who said they were coming along. Roy then set about e mailing everyone he knew who owns a Morgan to invite them to join us before the snow which was forecast for the next weekend. Sadly, again there were no positive results, so on the day before we set off for the hotel, hoping that some Mogfolk would turn up for dinner that evening again we were out of luck. Next morning after breakfast, we had the coffee station all lined up as we prepared the car, either for the run, or for the return home. After a while, the staff told me that the coffee had gone cold and they were taking it away.

Suddenly the raucous sound of an exhaust was heard in the car park. It was 10.00am and first to arrive was John Alden, all wrapped up against the cold, so we did not recognise him at first. At last we had company, and it was not long before the arrival of more Morgans. Several cars we did not recognise, nor their owners, all new to Norcemog and MSCC. I organised more coffee and tea in the lounge, whilst Roy started introducing those he did not know to those he did. Eventually we had 8 Morgans and 14 members ready for the run on a bright sunny Autumn morning. Things were looking up – we even had everyone booking a lunch, so the hotel said they would extend the lunchtime and we could all sit down at 2pm.

We set off at 11.00, and Brian is responsible for Part 2.

Barbara Sinclair



Wirral Scenic Run – PART 2

I had planned to travel to Chester on my own but on Saturday evening, local Morgan owner David Clegg ran to ask about the run, so I asked him to join me and do the navigating.

We arrived at the hotel at about 10.15, to be welcomed by Roy and Barbara, and we were introduced to the two new members – Martin and Vivien Cox from Fulwood, and Richard and Jackie from Parbold. Roy headed the 8 car convoy down the A540 for about 4 miles, then it was down narrow country lanes through Puddington, and Burton villages, giving us great views of the North Wales fells and the Dee estuary, then on through Neston passing Ness Gardens. At Parkgate we went along the prom (and over the speed humps) which had been put in to try out Eric and Joan's reworked rear springs (and he says its never been better). Eric had made

even more mods to his car, and I am sure he could pass some of them on!

We continued through Hoylake, Thurstaston, Caldy Village, West Kirby and past the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, where the Open was staged in 2006, then made our way to Wallasey Circus for a short tea stop. David Haynes and Arthur and Dorothy Bradburn, in their +8s, had a leisurely run, but they would have liked a little blast.

Half the run done, and everyone in convoy – more quaint old villages for the second half, through Upton and Barnston Village. This part of the run is influenced by the Lever family and is very rural, as Roy found when he came round a corner and a pheasant flew up in front of him, narrowly missing his windscreen! I was right behind him, and did not know why he had swerved until I saw it just miss his car. Richard and Jackie must have wondered what I was doing, braking for no apparent reason!

At one part of the run, it was like driving through France, with tree lined avenues, I think this is called the Lever Causeway. This was an excellent scenic run, enhanced by the weather and the company. We had a great lunch as well, and many thanks to Roy and Barbara for all of their hard work, and overcoming the frustrations of trying to get more members to join in. Thanks to Martin and Vivien, I had my first trip home through the middle of Liverpool.

Bryan Rawlinson



NorceMog Diary of Events

19-21 November - HIGH WRAY WEEKEND - Following popular demand at the recent AGM arrangements have been made for us to have a weekend away at the National Trust Basecamp, at High Wray. (Situated between Hawkshead and Ambleside). We are once again in the Longland Block. (The one with a separate sleeping block). The location provides the opportunity for gentle walking from the doorstep. (possibly with a pub visit at lunchtime). As well as more strenuous walking at the end of a short drive. Plus of course, many "shopping" opportunities. The plan is to go to the pub at Outgate for our evening meal on the Friday and to have a Jacob's Join on Saturday. Breakfasts and other basics will be provided, with a collection being made to cover the costs incurred. In addition the accommodation costs are £11 per person per night. We have paid a deposit to The National Trust and are therefore asking members to reserve their place by paying a deposit to NorceMog.

If you would like to join the party, please complete the form below and send it to:

John & Irene Anderson, 22 Abotts Close, Sale, Cheshire M33 2DD or ring 0161 973 0169

HIGH WRAY WEEKEND 19-21 NOVEMBER 2010 BOOKING FORM

Name(s)

Address

Tel No

I have enclosed a cheque for £..... (£5per person) payable to "MSCC NorceMog"

Signed :

12 December – NorceMog traditional Christmas Party – at Barnacre Village Hall PR3 1UN, at **12 noon**, organised by Brian Rawlinson 01995 604716. The Christmas Party is a just that – a party with great food, and whatever you care to drink – because all those attending contribute to the feast, and bring along their own particular tippie, be it alcoholic or non. Because of this, there is a guarantee not only that you can eat as much as you like, but also that the buffet table will hold at least one of your favourite things to eat, most probably because you have brought it along! Sue Bleasdale on 01995 61718, and Isobel Moore on 01253 738201 are organising the feast, so please contact one of them to confirm which of your favourite sweet or savoury dishes you are going to bring with you.

And in addition to that, Brian is looking for volunteers to organise the entertainment, so cast your inhibitions to one side and introduce NorceMog to your unconventional side.

Directions to Barnacre Village Hall - From Preston, go north on the A6 towards Lancaster, through Broughton, Bilsborrow and Catterall, going past the windmill and the Crofters Hotel. After the Crofters Hotel, take 2nd right signed Trough of Bowland (Gubberford lane) and immediately over the bridge turn sharp right. Keep on this road over the railway and the M6, and the village hall is on the right before the church, with a (usually) muddy car park on the left. For the past three years at least, the weather has persuaded every attendee but one that bringing the Morgan is not the best idea, so you cannot use that as an excuse not to be there!

16 January 2011 – Noggin at the Inn at Whitewell, or possibly at Stoneyhurst College, organised by the Bleasdales.

13 February 2011 – Noggin, organised by Isobel Moore 01253 738201, possibly at Lytham Hall, and including a snowdrop walk there.

March 2011 – Dinner and Dance weekend – see below.



The Northern Centre

Shropshire Weekend

4th – 6th March 2011

The Longmynd Hotel
Church Stretton

Shropshire Hills & Villages for the walkers or drivers.

Ironbridge, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, Cosford, RAF & Aerospace Museum,
Much Wenlock the home of the modern Olympics all close by for the historians.

Shrewsbury and famous Ludlow for the foodies or shoppers.

Saturday evening Ceilidh

Friday + Saturday DB&B £132pp. Saturday only DB&B £77pp.

Extend your stay, Sunday DB&B only £55pp.

Our previous event here was a sell out so reserve your place for £25pp. Booking forms from

David & Una Haynes 01630 652498 David.Una@btinternet.com
Geoff & Gill Mizon 01253 892733 Geoff.Mizon@btopenworld.com

DINNER DANCE at The Longmynd 4th – 6th March 2011

If you are coming along to the Longmynd next year and have not yet sent me your booking form can
I ask that you do it now please!

The hotel requires me to keep them abreast of bookings so they can manage other reservations.

If you are not coming along, why not?

David & Una Haynes 01630 652498 Geoff & Gill Mizon 01253 892733

Shropshire Weekend 4th- 6th March 2011

At The Longmynd Hotel, Church Stretton.

Please indicate what booking arrangements you would like for the weekend.

Name(s)	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Any special requests?

Friday + Saturday £132 pp Saturday only £77 pp

Extend your stay with Sunday dinner, bed & breakfast for £55 pp. There are a limited number of single rooms available at no supplement. A deposit of £25 pp (£50 for a couple) is required by the hotel.

(Cheques payable to The Longmynd Hotel. I will not be presenting the cheques to the hotel until November.)

Please return completed form to,
David & Una Haynes,
Garthmyl,
Christ Church Lane,
Market Drayton TF9 1DZ

April 2011 – AGM

May 2011 – Noggin organised by Roy Wilkinson.

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Minutes of the NORCEMOG COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 20th October 2010 at 19:30

Present – Bryan Rawlinson, Isobel & Peter Moore, Andy Bleasdale, Roy Wilkinson, and Geoff & Gill Mizon

Apologies – had been received from Adrian Grant.

The Minutes of 9th June Meeting were accepted as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – 10.2.3- Seek a volunteer to organise Noggin for 13th Feb'11 – Adrian.- Discharged – See Below

Dinner Dance 2011 - Bookings were coming in slowly; David had reported that he had 11 bookings to date. It was known around the table that 5 more bookings were about to be confirmed. This number was far short of those needed to cover costs. It was agreed that we should consider a less expensive band (if one was available) and establish the date that we need to confirm the booking and details of the event with the Longmynd. – **Action 10.3.1 – Geoff and Dave**

It was agreed that we should supplement the advert that had been put in Miscellany with personal invitations to Andrew and Sara (Fellmog), current and past members of Norcemog and Jerry Rea (SmogMog) – **Action 10.3.2 – Geoff and Dave**

Review of Diary of Events - The 2010/2011 Diary of Events and attendances was reviewed. Since all the events had been agreed at the AGM the numbers attending the events was disappointing. However, it was noted that attendances at the events organised by other centres were also down on previous years. It was suggested that we should move to quarterly events. This was considered a somewhat drastic step, but it

should be considered at the 2011 AGM when we plan next year's Diary of Events. It was agreed that small numbers are okay if the event is viable and those attending enjoy themselves. Isobel volunteered to organise the Noggin planned for 13th Feb'11 and would liaise with Andy with regard to a possible visit to Stoneyhurst College.

Regalia - Isobel reported that she had 12 Car badges and 17 clips. She would check with Dave Randall to see if he had sold any of the 3 badges that we had loaned Lives Motors. Isobel would also ask if Dave Randall was issuing his customers with forms giving one year's complementary membership of Norcemog when they buy a Morgan from him. – **Action 10.3.3 – Isobel**

Website - In Adrian's absence we did not discuss the website other than to admit that the majority had not visited it and that you could still be directed to the old website when using the link from the MSCC website.

Treasurers Report - Bryan reported that the only expenditures had been to provide Gymkhana trophies (to be kept for future use), for some engraving and for the MSA Permit for the Autotest (which made a surplus of £3.90). We had gained some new members and the bank balance remained healthy and stable.

Newsletter - Adrian had reported that in response to his request for feedback about the 'hard copy' Newsletters he sent out he had received 1 reply. Following a discussion it was agreed to stick to the previous arrangement of sending electronic copies to all members with email and use hard copies only for those without email.

It was suggested that we should produce quarterly newsletters in future. After discussion it was agreed that this would be discussed at the AGM. It was agreed that whatever happens we must ensure there is a monthly entry in Miscellany which must contain the Diary of Events for the next 3 months with details of who the contact for each event is. – **Action 10.3.4 – Adrian**

MOG 2012 - Geoff reported that MOG2012 had been discussed at the National Committee Meeting held in September, and after a review of the proposed venues and local resources available to set up and manage the event it had been decided not to pursue MOG 2012 in Blackpool.

AOB – Bryan asked for confirmation that this year's Christmas party would be held on the 12th December, which was confirmed. Isobel also agreed to work with Susan on the task of organising the food for the buffet. Bryan offered to contact Myrescough College to check if they are able to provide the "large" car park for our Autotest/Concours event next year. Following discussion it was agreed that he should and that an event similar to last year be planned to encourage more members to take part. – **Action 10.3.5 - Bryan**

The next meeting will be held at G&G's at 19:30 on Wednesday 9th February 2012

PS - Isobel has reported that Dave Randall has sold 1 car badge (and given Isobel the money), Dave had not read the Dinner Dance advertisement in Miscellany but promised to consider attending. Geoff has sent him a personal invite and booking form. Dave admits that he forgets to give out the "complementary membership" form on our behalf, but does when he remembers.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21:30

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASES

With effect from 1st January 2011

UK Member £36.00

EU/Overseas Member £42.00

The Club has suffered financially in the last few years, along with many other organisations going through the recession. With hindsight the subscription increases in January 2009 of £2 per member were not enough. Since then, the economy has worsened, interest rates have continued to fall, (we are earning £10k less per annum on interest than in 2008) and general

overheads have continued to increase. The increase in VAT from 1st January 2011 to 20% will also have an impact on the Club's subscription revenue. A recent review of subscription rates charged by other Car Clubs of a similar size has confirmed that the MSCC has the lowest charges where a monthly magazine is supplied.

Many members may ask why the increases are necessary when the Club still has substantial funds on deposit. If subscriptions are not increased the Club's deposits will reduce year on year. The deposits are necessary to safeguard continuity of the Club's activities. As an example, if a MOG event had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as the foot & mouth epidemic, the Club would suffer considerable financial losses.

The increase in subscriptions will not add to the cash deposits already in place, but will ensure the MSCC continues to provide a valuable service to its Members. Thank you for your understanding.

Vera Brown
Treasurer

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Unappreciated Appreciation

Part of the fun of owning a Morgan, as has been repeated to me by other members, is the way in which they bring a smile of appreciation as you drive past, often accompanied by complimentary remarks. But not always.....

My office is in the middle of Preston, and although our landlord charges tenants for each parking space under the building, I have been able to persuade him to let me park the Morgan occasionally for free. I have therefore been able to drive it to work on days when the weather is fine. The start of the journey home, down much of the length of Fishergate, is regularly enlivened by comment. The traffic lights at the Royal Bank of Scotland always seem to change as I approach, and have a long cycle time, so people regularly come up and ask what kind of car it is, or make comments.

The other week, however, just after the lights had changed to red, an enthusiastic fellow drew level with me on the pavement, and in a penetrating voice repeated over and over "That's a fucking car!" I am sure that the volume increased with his own appreciation of the brilliance of his commentary, and he continued just like a stuck gramophone needle, time after time after time. After nodding and smiling the first six or seven times he said it, I tried shrinking into the seat, praying for the lights to change, and feeling increasingly embarrassed. Happily, his rhetoric did not draw a crowd, but as he reached the twentieth or thirtieth, or so, repetition, it seemed as though he had started to bounce up and down on the spot with increasing enthusiasm.

At long, long last, the lights turned, and I was off, pursued for what seemed like the entire remaining length of Fishergate by his stentorian bellowing! With a bit of luck, this was his only visit, ever, to Preston, and hopefully you have not encountered him!

Adrian Grant



MSCC -YORKSHIRE CENTRE
RAVEN HALL
 CHRISTMAS PARTY WEEKEND
 SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2010
 FESTIVE DINNER & DISCO
 EN-SUITE ACCOMMODATION & BREAKFAST

The theme this year is.....

'THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY'

We'll be expecting lots of Sportsmen and women,
 Gamers and Players of all kinds (within reason).
 Pastimes will be allowed so long as they are legal
 and fit to be seen in public.....

Let your imagination run riot and get the ball(s)
 rolling at Raven Hall this year.

£54.50
 per. person

The weekend will start as always
 with a bracing coastal walk.

Later we'll meet in
 the bar to compare
 costumes. A festive
 meal will follow and an
 evening of good wholesome

fun. Prizes will be awarded
 in many & various categories.
 Please complete and return
 the slip below with your deposit.



Please book me places for the Raven Hall Christmas Party Weekend

Name/s

Address

E-mail Tel. No.....

I enclose a deposit of £15.50 per. person - Total £

(Please make cheques payable to **Yorkshire Centre Events**)

Please return to: Mr D Bright, 5 Redscope Road, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S61 3NT